Prime Minister's visits

1214. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days the Prime Minister was out of country during the last one year;

(b) the number of countries Prime Minister visited during his absence from India;

(c) the number of States in India, Prime Minister has visited during the last one year; and

(d) when the Prime Minister will visit the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) 36 days.

(b) 9 countries.

(c) 17 States|UTs.

(d) No firm date has been fixed so far.

Infiltration of Bangladeshis into India

1215. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'able Minister had said in Assam last month that too many people were infiltrating into India from Bangladesh and that proper steps were not being taken to stem this tide;

(b) whether the Assam Chief Minister has said that there are no infiltrators in Assam;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Assam has actually allotted Char lands to infiltrators; and

(d) what action Government of India propose to correct the C.M. of Assam in the matter and stop and reverse this influx?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Government's attention has been drawn on a number of occasions to infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. This is a serious problem over which the Central Government have also expressed their concern.

To a question asked by pressmen, the Chief Minister of Assam had indicated that the rate of growth of population in Assam during 1971—91 was less than the country's growth rate as a whole and hence, according to him, the Census figures did not show any unusual increase in the State's population. He suggested that on the basis of the Census figures, it could not be said that Assam was full of foreigners.

According to the State Government no Char land has been allotted to infiltrators.

The has, however, been large increase in the population in some of the States of the North East which is attributable largely to the influx of Bangladesh nationals, particularly, in the infiltration prone border districts.

Central Government have accordingly taken a series of steps to prevent infiltration which include strengthening of Border Security Force, Implementation of Mobile Task Force (MTF), Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) Schemes, construction of border roads and fence, issue of identity cards, setting up of Tribunals etc. The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh and some modalities have been arrived at for the Border Security Force to hand over certain categories of illegal migrants/infiltrators to Bangladesh Rifles.

Secular Police Force

1216. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the press report which